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In re Application of: R. W. MARSH ET AL.

Application No.: 09/823,199

Group Art Unit: 3763

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Examiner: A. Y. LAM

For: **VARIABLE EXTENSION COMBINED  
SPINAL/EPIDURAL NEEDLE SET AND  
METHOD FOR ITS USE**

Date: SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002. Kindly amend the application as follows:

19 (New). A needle including:

an elongate tube defining a longitudinal axis having a proximal end, a distal end

and an axial bore having an inside diameter therethrough;

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a hub having a proximal end, a distal end and an open passageway therethrough, the hub being attached to the elongate tube so that the hollow bore of the elongate tube is in fluid communication and substantial axial alignment with the open passageway, the hub further having a cavity disposed therein between the proximal end and the distal end of the hub;

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Applicant(s): Marsh et al.

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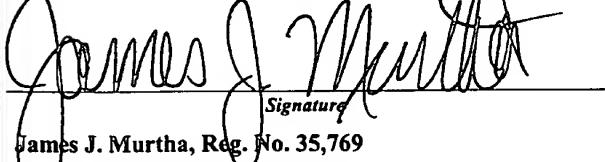
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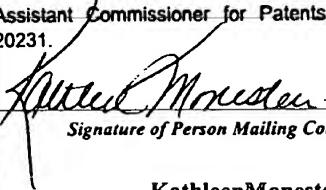
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